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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Acknowledgements**

1. This action is in reply to the Decision on Appeal filed on November 19, 2010.
2. Claims 22-42 and 49-52 are pending.
3. Claims 22-42 and 49-52 have been examined.
4. Examiner would like to notify Appellant that the appeal regarding claims 43-48 and 53-54 is dismissed because said claims are cancelled by Examiner's Amendment.
5. This Office Action is given Paper No. 20101213 for references purposes only.

### **Examiner's Amendment**

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
7. The application has been amended as follows:
  - a. claims 43-48 and 53-54 are cancelled.

#### **Claim 39 (Amended)**

A waste management method, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a service network, implemented on a server computer, the service network  
including a plurality of waste processing vendors;

evaluating the waste processing capabilities of each of the waste processing vendors in the service network;  
receiving a waste processing service request from a waste producing entity;  
comparing the waste processing service request to the capabilities of the waste processing vendors in the service network; and  
selecting a vendor from the service network to fulfill the waste processing service request.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

8. Claims 25-26, 30-31, 33-38, 40-42, and 51-52 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
9. Claim 39 is allowable.

#### **Conclusion**

10. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from Examiner should be directed to Chrystina Zelaskiewicz whose telephone number is 571.270.3940. Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached at 571.272.6779.
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